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In re Application of:)
Sumihito Morita et al.)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
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For: Thin-Film Magnetic Head Having Lower Magnetic)
Pole Layer and Insulator Layer Behind the Lower)
Magnetic Pole Layer in the Direction of Height of)
the Pole Layer, and Method for Manufacturing the)
Thin-Film Magnetic Head)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references A1 - A2 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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